

What St. Lucie County Does to Secure Elections

Voting Tabulation Systems

- ✓ Our state-certified voting equipment is rigorously tested before each election with a pre and public logic and accuracy test (L&A), verifying the equipment will accurately count and record votes exactly as marked. Security seals are applied to all voting equipment and documented prior to deployment to assist elections officials with detection of possible tampering. The L&A (pre-test of all voting machines), is conducted under the supervision of the canvassing board made up of a County Judge, County Commissioner and the Supervisor of Elections.
- ✓ Individual paper results are printed from each voting machine at each precinct and returned to our office on Election Night. The paper tapes are compared against the electronically transferred results.
- ✓ Precinct results are encrypted and electronically transmitted to a stand-alone server that has no connection to the internet to tabulate and report election results.
- ✓ Paper ballots are held for 22 months and can be used to verify results.
- ✓ A public audit is conducted after each election. St. Lucie County uses a State Certified independent audit system to perform 100% audits after each election. The law requires at a minimum, an audit of 2% of the counties precincts.
- ✓ All election facilities are secured and monitored utilizing cameras and motion sensors to prevent unauthorized access.

Network Security

- ✓ We purchased and installed an ALBERT Sensor, which was placed online in March of 2018. The ALBERT server monitors the network 24/7 to report any suspicious activity.
- ✓ We are running a highly rated enterprise level anti-virus software package, malware software package, and we ensure all our desktops and servers are patched and up-to-date.
- ✓ We have joined Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), and subscribed to their newsletters.
- ✓ The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and MS-ISAC do scans of our systems and notify us of any known vulnerabilities.
- ✓ DHS has completed a physical inspection of our office and to analyze the property and provide industry standard security protocols.
- ✓ We utilize an industry leading firewall solution that is updated, contains a list of blocked IPs and includes reporting tools to identify network security threats, issues and trends.
- ✓ Election staff have been trained utilizing courses provided through the Florida Division of Elections and the University of West Florida.